GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GUIDELINES FOR PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the directives/guidelines issued by the Union Government to States regarding environment and forests during the last two years;

(b) whether some State Governments have failed miserably in implementing these directives guidelines;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the concrete measures taken by the Union Government to see that the directives/guidelines are strictly adhered to by the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (d) The Government issues directions/guidelines under specific provisions of various Acts/Statutory Regulations from time to time to the State Governments. During the last two years, some of the directives guidelines that have been issued to State Governments, inter-alia, include:-

(i) Directions to the Departments of Electricity and Pubic Works, Govt. of Goa for disconnection of electricity and water under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to those Beach Resorts and Hotels in Goa where constructions were undertaken in violation of the environment guidelines, rules and regulations, in pursuance of the orders of the High Court of Bombay at Panaji Bench.

(ii) Guidelines on Samanvit Gram Vanikaran Samirddhi Yojana (SGVSY) and Creation of Forest Development Agency (FDA) issuec during May, 2000.

(iii) Directions to the Department of Environment., Govt. of Rajasthan under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act. 1986 issued on 9.11.2000 to ensure stoppage of work on construction of Jarosite ponds for disposal of Jarosite sludge generated at Hindustan Zinc Ltd., Udaipur and to take steps so that contaminated site is not disturbed.

(iv) Guidelines for streamlining the procedure for forest clearances and raising of compensatory afforestation for effective implementation of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980.

Normally the State Governments implement the guidelines etc. wherever specific cases of non-compliance come to the notice of the Government, appropriate measures are taken for safeguarding the environmental interests.